



*Cemetery Location:*

The Birdeye cemetery is located east of Cherry Valley and north east of Wynne on Hwy. 163.

*For Information Call:*

(501) 683-2259

*Operating Hours:*

Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Interments will be held on weekdays only.  
No Interments on Saturday, Sunday or State Holidays.

[www.veterans.arkansas.gov](http://www.veterans.arkansas.gov)

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery  
1501 West Maryland Avenue  
North Little Rock, AR 72120

# ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

*at Birdeye*



Est. opening 2011



ARKANSAS STATE  
VETERANS CEMETERY AT BIRDEYE

In 2007, Act 913 established an “Appropriation for State Assistance to Establish, Operate and Maintain a State Veterans’ Cemetery in Cross County”. On July 8, 2008 Governor Mike Beebe announced the purchase of land in Cross County off Hwy 163 for a new Veterans cemetery. Approximately 100 agricultural property acres were purchased by the state for this purpose. The cemetery is expected to be operational in 2011.

The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs operates the cemetery to commemorate the military service of our deceased veterans. Our cemetery system provides the visiting family and friends an atmosphere of peacefulness and dignity.

GRAVESITE AND NICHE LOCATIONS

Gravesite and niche locations cannot be reserved and are assigned by next available location.



COLUMBARIUMS

Niches are available for entombment of cremations. The eligibility requirements and costs are the same as full size grave spaces. The niche covers are not big enough for the same amount of inscription as the upright headstones, so there is no space for additional inscription. Internal size is 15”H x 20”L x 10 ½” W.

INTERMENT ELIGIBILITY

Veterans and Members of the Military:

- Must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty.
- Any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. With certain exceptions,

service beginning after September 7, 1980, as an enlisted person, and service after October 16, 1981, as an officer, must be for a minimum of 24 continuous months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty.



National Guard or Reserve Service:

- Eligible for retirement pay at age 60; or
- Members called to active duty for 2 years or more, (does not have to be consecutive) or completed the full period for which they were called up.
- Members who die under honorable conditions or while hospitalized or undergoing treatment, at the expense of the United States, for injury or disease contracted or incurred while performing active duty for training.
- Members who die under honorable conditions while performing full time AGR service.
- Members who receive a hardship discharge while on active duty.
- Members discharged due to a service-connected disability while on active duty.

The Veteran’s Dependents:

- The veteran's spouse.
- Unmarried child, (under the age of 21 {or 23 if still enrolled in school}); or
- A verifiable life-long dependent of the veteran.

We follow federal guidelines in determining eligibility for burial.

WHAT PAPERWORK IS NECESSARY?

To schedule an interment, or to pre-register, the following forms must be provided:

- 1) Veteran's military discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent).
- 2) Signed cemetery application.
- 3) Marriage license (if married).
- 4) Check for \$300 (spouse and dependent only) payable at the time of burial.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Fresh Cut Flowers:** May be placed on graves at any time. Cemetery personnel will remove and discard flowers that have become withered, faded or otherwise unsightly.

**Artificial Flowers:** Are permitted on graves from October 15 to April 15.

**Flower Containers:** Temporary flower containers are provided by the cemetery and may be found in bins located at the side of the administration building and beside the floral regulation signs located in Sections A & I. **Permanent flower containers are not permitted.**



**Christmas Season:** Christmas wreaths, Christmas plants, Christmas trees (plants and Christmas trees are limited in height to a maximum of 24 inches), floral blankets (maximum size of 2 feet by 3 feet) or flowers, will be permitted on graves from December 1 to January 15.

**Easter Season:** Potted plants and artificial arrangement will be permitted on graves 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday.

**Memorial Day and Veterans Day:** Gravesites will be decorated with small American flags. These flags will be removed immediately after the holiday.

**Unauthorized Decorations:** Statues, permanent plantings, pictures, balloons, vigil lights, and breakable items of any kind, are not permitted.

PRE-ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR  
INTERMENT IN THE ARKANSAS STATE  
VETERANS CEMETERY IN BIRDEYE

Veteran's Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service\_\_\_\_\_

Service Number\_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered Service\_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Date\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge\_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank\_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Birth Date\_\_\_\_\_

SSN\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Birth Date\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s SSN\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of veteran/spouse or  
next of kin\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship if not veteran\_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE: Fill out form and mail or fax along with a copy of all your DD-214’s or equivalents and marriage license (if applicable) to:***

**\*Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery  
1501 West Maryland Avenue  
North Little Rock, AR 72120  
Fax: (501) 992-1049**

***\*All Birdeye applications should be sent to the above address until the Birdeye cemetery is fully operational with staff.***